

Appl. No. 10/604,918
Amdt. dated March 2, 2005
Reply to Office action of February 03, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b). Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a). Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is respectfully noted that the rejected/objected claim numbers cited by the examiner are obviously not correct in the Office action identified above. Since there are only seven (7) claims in the application, applicants thusly presume that the deposition of claims should be Claims 1-6 being rejected and Claim 7 being objected to. Reconsideration of this application and favorable action are solicited.

10 1. Objection to the Specification:

In reply to this, the clerical errors in the specification have been corrected as set forth in the above Amendments to the Specification section. The title of the invention is amended from "Vertical-Type Backlight Unit", to "Vertical-Type Backlight Unit Having Removable Lamp Module Cartridges". Reconsideration of the specification and the amended title is respectfully requested.

15 2. Objection and rejections over claim 1-6:

Claim 1 is rejected under 102 and 103 because of JP 10-002813. To overcome the rejections and objection, the limitations in claim 7 that are found allowable by the examiner have been added into claim 1. The intervening dependent claims 4 and 6 are also merged into claim 1. Claims 4 and 6-7 are therefore canceled. Reconsideration of the once-amended claim 1 is respectfully requested.

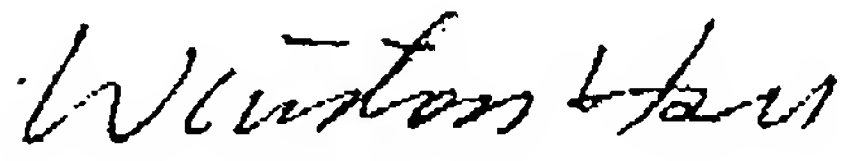
As claims 2-3 and 5 are dependent upon the once-amended claim 1, they should be allowable if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 2-3 and 5 is therefore politely requested.

25 Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this

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